

Introduced by Senator Escutia

December 2, 2002

An act to add Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 16800) and Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 16850) to Part 10 of the Education Code, relating to child care and development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 14, as introduced, Escutia. Early childhood education and care.

Existing law establishes various programs for the provision of education and child care for children.

This bill would establish the Early Childhood Education and After School Facilities Program Act of 2003, to provide funding for establishing safe and educationally appropriate facilities for early childhood education and after school care, and would establish the Early Childhood Facilities Loan Act of 2003, to provide loans to qualifying applicants for the purpose of expanding and improving licensed childcare homes.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to include within this act, a bond act to be submitted for the approval of the voters at the next statewide election for the purpose of raising state funds for these purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 16800)
- 2 is added to Part 10 of the Education Code, to read:
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CHAPTER 10. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND AFTER
SCHOOL FACILITIES PROGRAM

Article 1. General Provisions

16800. (a) This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Early Childhood Education and After School Facilities Program Act of 2003.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide state funding to increase access to high quality early childhood education and after school centers. This chapter is intended to serve as a pilot program to determine the optimum method for providing facilities funding for early childhood education.

Article 2. Program Provisions

16801. (a) There is hereby established the Early Childhood Education and After School Facilities Program to provide funding to qualifying applicants for the purpose of establishing safe and educationally appropriate facilities for early childhood education and after school care.

(b) The Early Childhood Education and After School Facilities Fund is hereby established within the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, all money in the fund, including any money deposited into the fund from any source whatsoever, is hereby continuously appropriated for the purposes of this chapter.

16802. (a) This chapter shall be administered by ____.

(b) ____ shall grant funds to qualifying applicants pursuant to this chapter for new construction or expansion of a facility for early childhood education or after school care as set forth in this chapter.

(c) An applicant is eligible for a grant of funding in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per full-time, or full-time equivalent child, to be served by the facility.

(d) State grants made pursuant to this chapter shall be matched by applicant funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

SEC. 2. Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 16850) is added to Part 10 of the Education Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 11. EARLY CHILDHOOD FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM

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4 Article 1. General Provisions

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6 16850. (a) This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as
7 the Early Childhood Facilities Loan Act of 2003.

8 (b) The purpose of this chapter is to provide state funding to
9 provide low-interest loans to entities approved by ____ for
10 expansion or improvement of licensed childcare homes.

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12 Article 2. Program Provisions

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14 16851. (a) There is hereby established the Early Childhood
15 Facilities Loan Program to provide loans to qualifying applicants
16 for the purpose of expanding and improving licensed childcare
17 homes.

18 (b) The Early Childhood Facilities Loan Fund is hereby
19 established within the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section
20 13340 of the Government Code, all money in the fund, including
21 any money deposited into the fund from any source whatsoever,
22 is hereby continuously appropriated for the purposes of this
23 chapter.

24 16852. (a) This chapter shall be administered by ____.

25 (b) ____ shall grant loans to qualifying applicants pursuant to
26 this chapter for new construction or expansion of a facility for
27 expanding and improving licensed childcare homes.

28 (c) Applicants shall be eligible for grants of funding is an
29 amount not to exceed 75 percent of the total costs of the project.

30 SEC. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to include within this
31 act, a bond act to be submitted for the approval of the voters at the
32 next statewide election for the purpose of raising state funds for
33 deposit into the Early Childhood Education and After School
34 Facilities Fund, and the Early Childhood Facilities Loan Fund
35 established pursuant to this act